

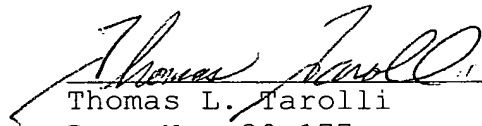
REMARKS

A certified copy of an English translation of the present patent application filed in Germany on October 30, 2002 is attached to this response. Accordingly, the present application is entitled to the priority date of the German application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the response be entered and the application allowed.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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